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University, Middletown; Connecticut Academy of Arts and Sciences, New Haven; Editor of "The Critic," New York; Natural History Society, Trenton; Academy of Natural Sciences, College of Pharmacy, Editors of "The American Naturalist," Messrs. H. H. Furness, H. Carvill Lewis, Henry Phillips, Jr., Philadelphia; Gov. James A. Beaver, Harrisburg; Johns Hopkins University, American Journal of Archæology, American Journal of Philology, Baltimore; Light-House Board, Census Office, United States Coast and Geodetic Survey, Bureau of the Mint, Washington; Mr. Jed. Hotchkiss, Staunton; Minnesota Historical Society, St. Paul.

The following papers were presented for the Proceedings:

By Dr. F. A. Genth. "Contributions from the Chemical Laboratory of the University of Pennsylvania. No. XXIX. Contributions to Mineralogy."

Through the Secretaries:

From Prof. John J. Stevenson—"A Geological Reconnaissance of Bland, Giles, Wythe, and portions of Pulaski and Montgomery counties of Virginia."

From Prof. E. D. Cope, on "The Reptilian Fauna of the Mato Grosso, Central Brazil."

Pending nominations Nos. 1154–58 and new nomination No. 1159 were read, and the meeting was adjourned by the President.

Stated Meeting, April 1, 1887.

Present, 16 members.

President, Mr. FRALEY, in the Chair.

A letter of envoy was read from the Meteorological Office, London.

Letters of acknowledgment were read from the K. Zoolog. Genootschap, Amsterdam (124); the Royal Society, Edinburgh (122).

A letter was read from "*Baboika*," requesting the return of a communication under that name for the Magellanic premium, which was on motion ordered to be returned to the

writer. A letter was read from M. J. Thore, of Dax, France, accompanying his pamphlet, entitled "*Une Nouvelle Force?*"

A photograph for the Society's Album was received from Prof. J. W. Moore, of Easton, Pa.

Accessions to the Library were announced from Geological Survey of India, Calcutta; Gartenbauverein, Darmstadt; Astronomische Nachrichten, Kiel; Zoologischer Anzeiger, Leipzig; "Der Naturforscher," Tübingen; Sociéte Hollandaise des Sciences à Harlem; Biblioteca N. C. di Firenze Societé Toscana di Scienze Naturali, Pisa; R. Accademia dè Lincei, Rome; Société de Borda and Mr. J. Thore, Dax; Sociétés de Geographie, de L'Enseignement and publisher of the Revue de L'Enseignement Secondaire et Supérieur, Paris; Sociedade de Geographia, Academia R. das Sciencias, Lisbon; Royal Society, Geological Society, Royal Astronomical Society, Meteorological Council, "Nature," and "The Earth," London; Cambridge Philological Society; Bath and West of England Society; Natural History Transactions of Northumberland, Durham and New Castle on Tyne; publisher of the "Travelers' Record," Hartford; Brooklyn Entomological Society; Franklin Institute, Engineers' Club, Journal of Medical Sciences, Mercantile Library Co., publisher of the "American Naturalist," and Mr. Henry Phillips, Jr., Philadelphia; Germantown Dispensary and Hospital; Johns Hopkins University, Prof. Ira Remsen, Baltimore; Bureau of Education, Department of State, Washington, D. C.; Rev. Stephen D. Peet, and the publisher of "The Open Court," Chicago; Observatorio Meteorologico Magnetico Central, Mexico.

The Secretaries presented a communication from Prof. E. W. Claypole, Akron, Ohio, entitled "On Organic Variation, indefinite not definite in direction, an outcome of environment."

Prof. Barker made a communication on the methods and discoveries of Prof. Pickering in Astronomical Physics, based upon his researches with the Bache and Draper funds, and exhibited spectra of the stars *a Cygni* and *a Tauri*, on which some remarks were made by Dr. Frazer.

Pending nominations Nos. 1154–59, and new nominations Nos. 1160–66, were read.

Dr. D. G. Brinton offered the following resolution: "That after action on the candidates now proposed for membership, the resident members shall be limited to 150 persons."

Dr. Frazer offered as an amendment: "That a Committee of scrutineers be elected as a permanent committee of the Society, of which the duty shall be to examine the qualifications of all candidates for membership and report upon the same to the Society, and no vote shall be taken on candidates by the Society, until the presentation of a report on their qualifications by the scrutineers."

At the suggestion of the President, the motions were withdrawn, and Dr. Brinton offered the following substitute, which was unanimously adopted: "Resolved that the President be authorized to appoint at his leisure a committee of five members to consider these resolutions and the whole subject of the restriction of membership in the Society, and to report its action to the Society.*

Prof. Barker stated that he had received from Prof. G. A. Hirn, of Colmar, a letter accepting membership in the Society, and thanking it for the honor conferred.

And the Society was adjourned by the President.

Stated Meeting, April 15, 1887.

Present, 15 members.

Mr. THOMAS H. DUDLEY in the Chair.

Correspondence was submitted as follows: A circular from the Académie des Sciences, Arts et Belles-Lettres, Dijon, announcing the awarding of prizes.

Envoys from the Physikalische Central Observatorium, St. Petersburg; K. Preuss. Geologische Landesanstalt u. Berga-

* On April 4, the President appointed Dr. D. G. Brinton, Chairman; Dr. Frazer, Dr. Wm. Thomson, Dr. Goodwin and Mr. Ingham as the committee.